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Westminster, June 11.

HIS Majesty came this Day to the House of Peers, and being in his Royal Robes seated on the Throne, with the usual Solemnity, Sir William Saunderson, Gentleman-Usher of the Black-Rod, was sent with a Message from His Majesty to the House of Commons, commanding their Attendance in the House of Peers; the Commons being come thither accordingly, His Majesty was pleased to give the Royal Assent to

An Act for laying a Duty upon Wrought Plate, and for applying Money arising from the clear Produce by Sale of the forfeited Estates towards answering his Majesty's Supply, and for taking off the Drawbacks upon Hops exported from Ireland, and for Payment of Annuities to be purchased after the Rate of four Pounds per Centum per Annum at the Exchequer redeemable by Parliament, and for appropriating Supplies granted in this Session of Parliament, and to prevent counterfeiting Receipts and Warrants of the Officers of the South-Sea Company, and for explaining a late Act concerning foreign Salt gathered and lusk'd up before the four and twentieth Day of June One thousand seven hundred and nineteen, and to give a further time for paying Duties on certain Apprentices Indentures, and for Relief of Thomas Vernon, Esq; in Relation to a Parcel of Senna imported in the Year One thousand seven hundred and sixteen.

An Act for better securing certain Powers and Privileges intended to be granted by His Majesty by two Charters for Assurance of Ships and Merchandise at Sea, and for lending Money upon Bottomree, and for restraining several extravagant and unwarrantable Practices therein mentioned.

An Act for the better explaining the Nature of Conveyances to be made to the Purchasers of the Forfeited Estates, by the Commissioners and Trustees acting in Scotland, and for preventing Difficulties in determining Claims on the said Estates, and to enable the Judges in Ireland to examine Witnesses relating to Claims on Forfeited Estates there, and for enabling such Corporations as shall purchase any of the said Estates, to grant Annuities not exceeding the Yearly Value of the said Estates, and for relieving the Widow and Daughters of the late Sir Donald Mac Donald.

An Act for preventing Frauds and Abuses in the publick Revenues of Excise, Customs, Stamp-Duties, Post-Office and House-Money.

An Act for appointing Commissioners to examine, state, and determine the Debts due to the Army, and to examine and state the Demands of several foreign Princes and States for Subsidies during the late War.

An Act for preventing of Frauds and Abuses in the Allowances on damaged Wines, and for lengthening the time for the Drawbacks on the Importation of Wines.

An Act for prohibiting the Importation of Raw Silk and Mohair Yarn of the Product or Manufacture of Asia, from any Ports or Places in the Streights or Levant Seas except such Ports and Places as are within the Dominions of the Grand Signior.

An Act for the further preventing of Robbery, Burglary, and other Felonies, and for the more effectual Transportation of Felons.

An Act for making perpetual so much of an Act made in the tenth Year of the Reign of Queen Anne, for the reviving and continuing several Acts therein mentioned, as relates to the building and repairing County Goals; and also an Act of the eleventh and twelfth Years of the Reign of King William the Third, for the more effectual Suppression of Piracy; and for making more effectual the Act of the Thirteenth Year of the Reign of King Charles the Second, entitled, An Act for establishing Articles and Orders for the regulating and better Government of His Majesty's Ships of War, and Forces by Sea.

An Act for the Relief of insolvent Debtors, and for the more easy Discharge of Bankrupts out of Execution after their Certificates allowed.

An Act to explain and amend an Act passed in the first Year of his Majesty's Reign, entitled, An Act to encourage the Planting of Timber Trees, Fruit Trees, and other Trees, for Ornament, Shelter, or Profit, and for the better Preservation of the same, and for the preventing the burning of Woods, and for the better Preservation of the Fences of such Woods.

An Act to repeal so much of the Act, entitled, An Act for preventing Frauds and regulating Abuses in his Majesty's Customs, passed in the Thirteenth and fourteenth Years of King Charles the Second, as relates to the prohibiting the Importation of Deal Boards, and Fir-Timber from Germany.

An Act for ascertaining the Breadth and preventing Frauds and Abuses in manufacturing Serges, Platings, and Fingrums, and for regulating the Manufactures of Stockings in that Part of Great Britain called Scotland.

An Act for enlarging the Term granted by an Act in the fourth Year of His Majesty's Reign, entitled, An Act for repairing the Highways leading from the Stone End in Kent-Street to the Lime Kilns in East-Greenwich, near Blackheath, and to Lewisham Church, being the Tunbridge Road in the County of Kent, and for repairing and amending the Highways and Roads leading from Westminster-Ferry in the Parish of Lambeth, in the County of Surrey, to New-Cross in the Parish of Deptford in the County of Kent, and for enlarging the Term granted by an Act passed in the fourth Year of his Majesty's Reign, entitled, An Act for amending the Roads from the City of London, to the Town of East-Greenstead in the County of Sussex, and to Sutton and Kingston in the County of Surrey, and for explaining and amending the same Act.

And to several private Acts.

After which His Majesty was pleased to make the following most gracious Speech.

My Lords and Gentlemen,

I AM now come to put an End to this Session, which though it hath advanced so far into the Summer, cannot be thought a tedious one, when we consider how much Business hath been done, and the great Advantages that may be expected from it.

Your reasonable Vigour and Perseverance to support me in the Measures I have taken with my Allies, for restoring the Tranquility of Europe, have produced most of the Effects I could desire. Much the greatest Part of Christendom is already freed from the Calamities of War, and by what hath happened both abroad and at home, my People must be convinced, that their Welfare is inseparable from the Strength and Security of my Government.

Gentlemen of the House of Commons,

I return you my Thanks for the Supplies you have rais'd for the Service of the current Year, and it is a particular Satisfaction to me, that a Method has been found out for making good the Deficiencies of my Civil List, without laying any new Burthen upon my Subjects. The good Foundation you have prepared this Session for the Payment of the National Debts, and the Discharge of a great Part of them, without the least Violation of the publick Faith, will, I hope, strengthen more and more the Union I desire to see amongst all my Subjects, and make our Friendship yet more valuable to all Foreign Powers.

My Lords and Gentlemen,

You all see the good Effects which our Steadiness hath produced; there remains but little on our Part to satisfy the World, that more Credit, Security and Greatness, is to be acquired by following the Views of Peace, and adhering strictly to just Engagements, than by depending on the Advantages of War, or by pursuing the Measures of Ambition. To complete what remains unfinished, I propose very speedily to visit my Dominions in Germany, hoping to put an End to those Troubles in the North, which are now reduced to a very narrow Compass. I flatter myself, that my Presence